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# Commencement Service

## Call Service

May 14, 2022



New Ulm, Minnesota

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***“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life.” (Jn 10:27-28)***

Dear Sheep of the Good Shepherd,

*Misericordias Domini*: the tenderhearted compassion of our Lord.

That is the Latin name for last Sunday. We know the day better by its English name: Good Shepherd Sunday. Every year on Good Shepherd Sunday, we hear the gospel from John 10. There Jesus reminds us that he is the Good Shepherd, the one who calls us by name, who leads us, who protects us, who lays down his life for us.

Is there a better week of the church year for us to celebrate graduation and Call Day at MLC? This Sunday highlights the reason this college exists: to raise up a new generation of gospel messengers who have the same compassion for souls as Jesus does, a new generation of under-shepherds of the Good Shepherd.

Today we see proof of God’s blessing on that endeavor! Those receiving their bachelor’s degree have been filled with the sound of their Good Shepherd’s voice for four years. The childlike faith first planted in them at their baptism has grown and matured.

And now, as they enter their new callings as teachers in classrooms, as staff ministers in congregations, or as theological students continuing their training for the pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, we pray that the Shepherd’s voice continues to echo in their hearts and in their words. That same winsome voice that wooed and won their hearts will woo and win others to trust in him. By that gracious chain reaction of speaking what they themselves have heard, these under-shepherds can share the gift of eternal life they received from the Good Shepherd.

Today we also thank our Good Shepherd for those on whom we confer a master’s degree. We are thankful for their eagerness to continue to grow in wisdom and skill.

Everything we celebrate this day is the fruit of the tenderhearted compassion of our crucified and risen Good Shepherd. *Misericordias Domini* indeed!

In the name of our Good Shepherd,



Rich Gurgel

President, Martin Luther College

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### **Mission of Martin Luther College**

The mission of Martin Luther College is to train a corps of Christian witnesses who are qualified to meet the ministry needs of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and who are competent to proclaim the Word of God faithfully and in accord with the Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord.

To meet the current ministry needs of the WELS, Martin Luther College

- Prepares men for pastoral training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary;
- Prepares men and women for service as teachers and staff ministers in the synod’s churches, schools, and other institutions;
- Prepares men and women for other church ministries, both full and part-time, responding to the needs of the WELS;
- Prepares international students for ministry in partnership with WELS mission fields; and
- Provides programs of continuing education that meet the ministerial needs of the WELS.

## **To the glory of God and for the good of his Church!**

### *Explanation of attire*

Welcome to the 2022 Commencement Service at Martin Luther College. You will see graduates receiving a variety of degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts, and Master of Science.

This year, 21 people have completed one of our master's programs, for a total of 213 master's degrees granted since the program's inception in 2005.

Academic apparel worn by faculty and graduates in any college setting has its origins in the Middle Ages. Because most universities grew out of church schools, both faculty and students wore clothing that was based upon monastic dress and that reflected the need for warmth in the unheated stone colleges.

Wearing of such apparel is an adiaphoron, something neither commanded nor forbidden by our Lord in his Word. In Christian freedom we can choose to follow such academic traditions or not. In this Commencement, the MLC faculties will visibly demonstrate that freedom: Our graduate faculty has chosen to wear academic apparel, and our undergraduate faculty has chosen not to.

By a miracle of the Holy Spirit, professors in both faculties have humbly submitted their lives and their educational achievements to Christ for the advancement of his kingdom. Although they no doubt could garner more reputation and remuneration in public settings, they have given their time and talents to train students at MLC for gospel service, to the glory of God and for the good of his Church. They have servant hearts.

While the vast majority hold advanced degrees, the undergraduate faculty wears normal attire to emphasize that we train students not just for academic achievement, but for ministry. The graduate faculty wears apparel that emphasizes lifelong learning, done to God's glory and in submission to the gospel we proclaim. The various colors of their apparel indicate not only their area of study, but also the degree-granting institution.

Our baccalaureate graduates wear tassels signifying their field of study: light blue indicates a Bachelor of Science in Education degree; red and black indicates a Bachelor of Arts degree. A hood is worn by our master's graduates. The colors of the hood signify the area of study and the colors of MLC.

A small percentage of our students are from a foreign country, Christians in our fellowship seeking to prepare for ministry. What a privilege for MLC to serve them. These graduates wear stoles with the colors and insignia of their homelands. May the stoles be a vivid reminder that Jesus said "all nations" in the Great Commission entrusted to his church.

God has given these gifts to us, to his glory, and for the good of the church. *SDG*

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## MLC Faculty

### Tenured

Baganz, Peter A  
Balge, Daniel N  
Bases, Paul A  
Bauer, David T  
Berg, Darrell T  
Biedenbender, David K  
Boeder, John C  
Carlovsky, James D  
Clemons, Benjamin P  
Cox, Rebecca L  
Czer, Lawrence J  
Danell Jr, James C  
Diersen, Gregory T  
Dose, Brian L  
Feld, Rachel M  
Fenske, Daniel J  
Fredrich, Joel D  
Fredrich, Rachel R  
Gawrisch, Daniel P  
Green, Kelli L  
Grubbs, Paul J  
Grundmeier, Timothy D  
Gurgel, Richard L  
Hanneman, Daryl B  
Hennig, Brian K  
Hennig, Grace A  
Hirschmann, Craig R  
Holzhueter, Greg A  
Klindworth, Robert F  
Klug, Theodore A  
Koelpin, Paul E  
Krause, Jennifer L  
Laabs, Jonathan A  
Lange, Douglas F  
Loomis, Cheryl A  
Mehlberg, Jennifer A  
Meyer, John E  
Muent, Kari A  
Nass, Thomas P  
Ohm, Ronald C  
Olson, Breanna L  
Olson, Lawrence O  
Paustian, Mark A  
Pearson, Matthew S  
Pekrul, William A  
Robinson, Aaron T  
Roux, Jonathan A  
Santos, Martin  
Schaefer, Jonathan M

Scharf, David G  
Schmoller, Nicolas C  
Schmudlach, Scott D  
Schone, Jeffrey L  
Schwartz, Tingting Z  
Smith, Adrian R  
Stein, Mark A  
Stelljes, Ross A  
Tacke, Mark W  
Thiesfeldt, Steven R  
Thomford, Joel W  
Thompson, Luke G  
Uher, Alan E  
Unke, James M  
Unke, Lori L  
Waldschmidt, Daniel W  
Wessel, Keith C  
Whaley, Cynthia E  
Wiechman, Jeffery P  
Wurster, Miles B  
Zarnstorff, Tyson J

### Tutors

Schroeder, Philip D  
Thomford, Orie J

### Adjunct

Balge, Bethel A  
Boeder, Bethel J  
Carlovsky, Kathryn E  
Czer, Ramona M  
Gawrisch, Kaitlin A  
Haugen, Jennifer E  
Hermanson, Jon M  
Hopp, Brian P  
Kassuelke, Megan R  
Krohn, JoElyn K  
Laabs, Erin R  
Martens, Judith L  
Plocher, Michael D  
Schmidt, John H  
Schmoller, Katherine E  
Schubkegel, Joyce C  
Trebelhorn, Julianne B  
Urness, David J  
Vogel, Marianne E  
Wiechman, Elizabeth J  
Wurster, Kathryn M

### Graduate

Bakken, Richard E  
Boeder, John C  
Carlovsky, James D  
Cherney, Kenneth A  
DeLorme, Carolyn M  
Ehlers, Rachel M  
Grundmeier, Timothy D  
Grunwald, James R  
Hanneman, Daryl B  
Holtz, Lowell E  
Johnson, Daniel W  
Klindworth, Robert F  
Kolander, John D  
LaGrow, Martin P  
Lemke, Jeffrey C  
Lienig, Alanna M  
Lowrey, Jason H  
MacPherson, Ryan C  
Mears, Joshua T  
Meyer, John E  
Muent, Kari A  
Olson, Lawrence O  
Paustian, Mark A  
Pfeifer, Carrie F  
Pfeifer, Gene R  
Plath, Timothy M  
Pless, Joel L  
Potratz, Gail M  
Rathje, Ryan J  
Rogers, Leslie A  
Rouech, Kristina E  
Russ, Todd A  
Sallquist, Julie A  
Schaefer, Jonathan M  
Schmidt, Jason E  
Schuetze, John D  
Smith, Michael K  
Spriggs, Martin A  
Steinberg, Paul S  
Tackmier, Bill J  
Tess, Paul A  
Wendland, Paul O  
Wessel, Keith C  
Whaley, Cynthia E  
Wiechman, Jeffery P  
Youngblom, Rachel K

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# Commencement Service

## 10:00 am

*Please remain seated for the processional.*  
*Pictures may be taken during the processional, the distribution of diplomas, and the recessional.*

### Processional

*Stand*

### Dialogue

M: In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** *(spoken)*

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

M: Heavenly Father, we praise you as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Be gracious to us and bless us.

C: **May your ways be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

M: Lord Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

C: **Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths. Then we will walk in the light of life.**

M: Holy Spirit, you alone know the thoughts of God. Be our Counselor and guide us into all truth.

C: **Sanctify us through the gospel that we might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une  
God we sing; Blest be his name for - ev - er!  
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing his prais - es  
more and more For all his grace and fa - vor.  
Sing - ing, Ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly.  
Spread the sto - ry Of our God the Lord of glo - ry!

*Be seated*

## Lesson—2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

## Hymn—Take My Life and Let It Be

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Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Text & Tune: Public domain



Choir 1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
Congregation 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse  
Choir 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly  
Congregation 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would



Lord, to thee; take my mo - ments and my days, let them  
of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and  
for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with  
I with-hold; take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Choir: 5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Congregation: 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

## **Sermon—This is the day the LORD has made...long ago!**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

“Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

## **Choir—Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

*Paraphrase of German text by Sigismund von Birken, 1653*

*Based on John 11:16*

LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.

*Arranged by Dan Forrest*

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,  
Flee the world which would deceive us, where to sin our hearts are lured.  
Ever in his footsteps treading, living here, yet home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Father’s bidding,  
Faithful Lord, abide with me; Savior, lead, I follow thee.

Let us also die with Jesus, by his cross he conquered death,  
Freed us from our souls’ destruction, quickened us with life’s new breath.  
Let us mortify, while living, flesh and blood, and die to sin,  
And the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here I die to thee, there to live eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus, he is risen from the dead.  
Death is swallowed up in victory, Jesus, thou art now our head.  
Living members of thy body, where thou livest, we shall be,  
Thou wilt keep us constantly, even so, dear Lord, come quickly,  
Jesus, here I live to thee, there to dwell eternally.  
Let us ever walk with Jesus.

## **Presentation of Diplomas**

*Please reserve applause for the Presentation of the Class of 2022, which occurs after the Blessing and announcements.*

*Stand*

## **Prayer**

**M:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for making this day possible. We praise you for this school of ministry, for the blessings of the school year, for parents and all who support the training of ministers with prayers and gifts, for faithful students who prepare for public ministry with dedication, for dedicated teachers and staff who follow your ways, and for a church body which sees its mission to spread your Word among all peoples.

**C:** Above all we thank you for our Savior, Jesus, whose forgiveness alone makes it possible for sinful people to serve a holy God.

**M:** O Lord, bless these graduates. Bless those who will enter your ministry as teachers and staff ministers with the ability to fearlessly speak the mysteries of your gospel.

**C:** **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**M:** Bless those who will continue their preparation for the pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary with patience and diligence.

**C:** **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**M:** Bless those who will be serving you as lay members in congregations or in international fields with opportunities to use their special gifts and training.

**C:** **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**M:** Be with us all, gracious God, as we serve as your ambassadors;

**C:** **so that we may do and say only that which will bring glory and honor to your holy name.**

**M:** We bring these requests to you in the name of our Savior, Jesus, and in his name we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807  
Music: Kurt J. Eggert, 1923-1993

May the grace of Christ our Savior, and the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor, rest upon you from above. Amen.

## **Announcements & Recognition of Those Concluding Service**

### **Concluding Service:**

Paul Bases (*retirement*)  
David Bauer (*retirement*)  
Catherine Biedenbender (*accepted call*)  
Katherine Christensen (*accepted call*)  
Daryl Hanneman (*retirement*)  
Linda Henning (*retirement*)  
Roger Klockziem (*retirement*)  
Arlen Koestler (*retirement*)  
Cheryl Loomis (*retirement*)  
Janice Nass (*retirement*)

Stephen Pearson (*retirement*)  
James Rathje (*retirement*)  
Joel Steffl (*retirement*)  
Mark Stein (*accepted call*)  
Melissa Stein (*concluding MLC service*)  
Steven Thiesfeldt (*retirement*)  
Michael Thom (*retirement*)  
Orie Thomford (*end of one-year call*)  
Kathryn Tohal (*retirement*)

## **Presentation of the Class of 2022**

**Recessional**     *Please remain seated until the graduates and the faculty have recessed.  
Following the service you may greet the graduates on the mall.*

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Presiding Minister

Rev. Dr. Tim Grundmeier  
*MLC Faculty Secretary*

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Rich Gurgel  
*MLC President*

Assisting with the distribution of diplomas

Dr. Jeff Wiechman  
*MLC Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Organist

Prof. Craig Hirschmann  
*MLC Music Division*

Martin Luther College Choir Conductor

Prof. Adrian Smith  
*MLC Music Division*

Graduation Marshal

Michelle Gartner  
*MLC Event Coordinator*

Instrumentalists

Hope Sulzle  
*Piano*

Charis Glende  
*Violin*

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## ***International Service***

The following graduates have elected international service in various parts of the world.

### **Education**

Rachel Ihlenfeldt – Grenada  
Emily Raymond – Dominican Republic

### **Preseminary**

David Freund – Ecuador  
Shawn Marron – Dominican Republic

Ziwen Shi is wearing a stole representing his home country of China.



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## Bachelor of Arts



Abel B. Bain  
Appleton WI



Joseph D. Behm  
Jackson WI



Jacob T. Biesterfeld  
New Ulm MN



Nathaniel A. Brauer  
Watertown WI



Alexander M. Dimke  
Cedar Rapids IA



John P. Fix  
Germantown WI



Eric M. Fluegge  
Sun Prairie WI



Caleb M. Foelske  
Manitowoc WI



David J. Freund  
South Milwaukee WI



Michael F. Friesenegger  
Elizabeth CO



Simeon T. Glende  
Fayetteville NC



Nathan A. Golisch  
Jackson WI



William K. Halldorson  
Mount Pleasant TX



Gregory J. Heichelbech  
Pewaukee WI



Eric M. Helmer  
Poynette WI





Joseph A. Hirsch  
Manhattan KS



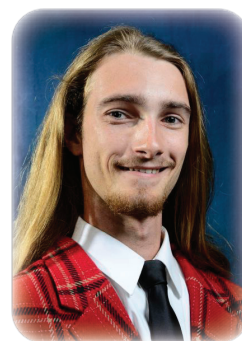
Christian J. Huonder  
Lakeville MN



Seth M. Koelpin  
Dallas TX



Zachary M. Kopplin  
West Allis WI



Jonas C. Landwehr  
Gros Islet, Saint Lucia



Jacob H. Lewis  
Johns Creek GA



Jonas F. Lindemann  
Egg Harbor WI



Kyle D. Lindemann  
Lewiston MN



Josiah L. Loersch  
Watertown WI



Jonathan D. Marquardt  
Milwaukee WI



Noah C. Marquardt  
Racine WI



Shawn R. Marron  
New Ulm MN



Noah J. Melso  
Manitowoc WI



Josiah S. Mittelstadt  
Watertown WI



Micah C. Neumann  
Adrian MI



Minh T. Nguyen  
West Saint Paul MN



Noah P. Nordlie  
Lake Orion MI



Micah J. Otto  
Mequon WI



Andrew T. Owczarzak  
Bay City MI



Ethan D. Prins  
Saint Peter MN



Colin R. Rixe  
Hoskins NE



Andrew C. Ronholt  
Port Orchard WA



Matthew A. Rugen  
Saint Joseph MI



Cameron K. Schroeder  
La Crescent MN



Justin M. Schroeder  
Sharpsburg GA



Jonah W. Schulz  
Boynton Beach FL



Marcus J. Sims  
Franklin WI



Hunter D. Smith  
Milwaukee WI



Noah J. Vogt  
Las Vegas NV



Caleb L. Westra  
Columbia TN



Joshua D. Wordell  
Kenosha WI



Jacob D. Zabell  
Green Bay WI



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## Seminary Certification



Stephen P. Gerling  
Saint Charles MO

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## Bachelor of Science in Education

### Major: Early Childhood Education



Molly O. Berg  
Appleton WI



Kelsey G. Birschbach  
DeForest WI



Rebecca J. Carpenter  
Sturgis MI



Emily J. Flatau  
Appleton WI



Mya A. Kessler-Peshon  
Lewiston MN



Rebekah M. Koestler  
Racine WI



Samantha A. Kohls  
Waterloo WI



Livia R. Lickteig  
Mequon WI



Anne M. Manske  
Appleton WI



Kaylie R. Solomon  
Troy MI



Katie R. Wilke  
Mauston WI

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## Bachelor of Science in Education

### Major: Elementary Education



Ethan W. Aguilar  
Wildomar CA



Katelyn L. Aswege  
Milwaukee WI



Amber M. Barcalow  
Kenosha WI



Heaven L. Bausley  
Milwaukee WI



Aimee E. Behm  
Louis Corners WI



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Neillsville WI



Madison M. Boulden  
West Bend WI



Megan N. Buth  
Newnan GA



Emily M. Dobberstein  
Fountain City WI



Emma M. Dorn  
Crete IL



Halie R. Flores  
San Diego CA



Celia S. Fulton  
Oshkosh WI



Madelynn R. Fulton  
Oshkosh WI



Joseph C. Grambsch  
Columbus WI



Mollie E. Hinz  
Steger IL





Claire E. Hirsch  
Mequon WI



Maria E. Hoffman  
Florence SD



Kaelyn E. Holdcroft  
Greenville WI



Juliana J. Joya  
Los Angeles CA



Samantha R. Kiecker  
Phoenix AZ



Camella J. Kohl  
Antioch IL



Rebecca L. Krug  
Green Bay WI



Noelani R. Lum  
Apex NC



Luke J. Meihack  
Fond du Lac WI



Madelyn A. Neyhart  
Reedsburg WI



John R. Niebuhr  
Gibbon MN



Samantha L. Paul  
New Hope MN



Kara A. Peter  
Portage MI



Michael P. Radue  
Waukesha WI



Cassie R. Rawlings  
Neenah WI



Emily L. Raymond  
Sun Prairie WI



Madison M. Rich  
Lansing MI



Matthew D. Scharp  
Menomonee Falls WI



Rebecca R. Schilling  
Holmen WI



Laura E. Schrader  
Saginaw MI



Luke J. Schultz  
Rhineland WI



Tatum R. Schulz  
Windsor CO



Nathan D. Spaude  
Alger MI



Morgan M. Spoehr  
New London WI



Lynnea G. Starzl  
Yankton SD



Lauren E. Stuebs  
Stoddard WI



Madison C. Sundahl  
Fort Polk LA



Elena J. Thoma  
Sturgeon Bay WI



Tina L. Wang  
Columbus WI



Hannah M. Wendland  
Mequon WI



Maria C. Werre  
Sun Prairie WI



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## Bachelor of Science in Education

### Major: Secondary Education



Jakob A. Casper  
Jackson WI  
Social Studies



Carrington C. Cunningham  
Milwaukee WI  
Social Studies



Katelyn A. Edwards  
Hanover MN  
Communication Arts & Literature



Clayton E. Hirsch  
Jefferson WI  
Social Studies



Aiden K. Holien  
Watertown SD  
Social Studies



Rachel E. Jenswold  
DeForest WI  
Communication Arts & Literature



Matthew R. Kluball  
Tomah WI  
Social Studies



Ryan C. Maertz  
Watertown SD  
Chemistry/Life Science



Branden J. Mueller  
Howards Grove WI  
Mathematics



Nicole M. Mueller  
Two Rivers WI  
Communication Arts & Literature



Benjamin L. Riegsecker  
Lincoln NE  
Mathematics



Chloe E. Robbert  
Wasilla AK  
Life Science



Ziwen Shi  
Yinchuan, Ningxia, China  
Chemistry/Physics



Evan W. Vant Hul  
Cleveland WI  
Physics

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## **Bachelor of Science in Education**

### **Majors:**

**K-12 Music**

**K-12 Physical Education**

**K-12 Spanish**

**K-12 Special Education**



Carl J. Boeder  
New Ulm MN  
Instrumental Music/Vocal Music



Morgan O. Gosch  
Sioux Falls SD  
Spanish



Derek A. Gulrud  
Marshall WI  
Spanish/Vocal Music



Elizabeth J. Kluball  
West Bend WI  
Special Education



Tony W. Sahatjian  
Thousand Oaks CA  
Physical Education

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## **Bachelor of Science in Education**

### **Majors:**

**Early Childhood Education  
Special Education (K-12)**



Jessie M. Bue  
Powell OH

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## **Bachelor of Science in Education**

### **Majors:**

**Elementary Education  
Early Childhood Education**



Allison M. Grunke  
Fairfax MN



Brooke N. Meihack  
Sun Prairie WI



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## Bachelor of Science in Education

### Majors: Elementary Education Secondary Education



Rebecca A. Boehlke  
Saint Paul MN  
Mathematics



Brett R. Burger  
Lake Mills WI  
Physical Education



Elliott M. Butler  
Ixonia WI  
Physical Education



Aidan T. Gregorius  
Watertown WI  
Social Studies



Joshua C. Higgins  
Watertown WI  
Mathematics



Rachel R. Ihlenfeldt  
Greenleaf WI  
Social Studies



Rebecca M. Johnson  
Bear DE  
Special Education



Claudia G. Meyer  
Greeley CO  
Social Studies



Hannah C. Oelhafen  
Waukesha WI  
Special Education



Sydney R. Peterson  
Sioux Falls SD  
Instrumental Music



Jacob T. Price  
Weston WI  
Vocal Music



William H. Rauh  
Arlington MN  
Communication Arts & Literature



Elizabeth M. Schoeneck  
Jackson WI  
Social Studies



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Mathematics

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## **Bachelor of Science in Education**

**Majors:**  
**Elementary Education**  
**Parish Music**



Michaela C. Zabell  
Bangor WI

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## **Bachelor of Science**

**Major:**  
**Staff Ministry**



Rebecca R. Klement  
Brookfield WI



Ashley R. Peterson  
Sioux Falls SD

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## Bachelor of Science

### Major: Educational Studies



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Meridian ID



Nathan R. Curtis  
Palmetto GA



Andrew K. Deisinger  
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La Crosse WI  
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## Bachelor of Science

### Major: Theological Studies



Adam W. Arrowsmith  
Bay City MI



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Harbor City CA

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# Completing Additional Degree

## Bachelor of Science in Education

**Major:**  
**Elementary Education**

Caleb M. Dobberstein  
Brooklyn Center MN

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# Completing Certificate Programs

## Chaplain

Matthew J. Brown  
Houston TX

Thomas C. Spiegelberg II  
Mobile AL

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Seth A. Scheuerlein  
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Steger IL

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Evan J. Kolander  
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# The Master of Arts in Theological Studies

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies program provides spiritual and professional growth through advanced studies in Scripture, doctrine, church history, and ministry.

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree is designed primarily for ministry-certified staff ministers and teachers, providing them with a broader and deeper theological foundation for their public ministry service. The degree is also open to qualified laypersons who meet the entrance requirements, allowing them to grow spiritually as they serve in their various vocations and as members of their congregations. This degree, by itself, does not qualify one for a called ministry position.



Kristen A. Meyer  
Milwaukee WI



Eric M. Wolf  
Burnsville MN

**Current service:**

*Wisconsin Lutheran College*  
Milwaukee WI  
Professor  
2006-

**Other degrees:**

WELS Teaching Ministry  
Certification  
Martin Luther College  
2010

PhD Mathematics  
Iowa State University  
2006

BS  
Wisconsin Lutheran College  
2001

**Current service:**

*Bloomington Lutheran School*  
Bloomington MN  
Teacher  
2019-

**Previous Service:**

*Westside Christian School*  
Middleton WI  
Teacher  
2013-2019

**Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2013



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## Master of Science in Education

The Master of Science in Education program has the goal of contributing to the professional growth of teachers and encouraging them to be reflective, competent, and dedicated educators of children in a Christian setting.

The Master of Science in Education degree from Martin Luther College is designed for persons who have an undergraduate degree in education from an accredited college or university. The master's program offers students a choice of four emphases: instruction, leadership, special education, and educational technology.



Cynthia S. Allen  
Baraboo WI  
Leadership Emphasis



Chelsea E. Bestram  
Sheridan WY  
Instruction Emphasis  
*in absentia*



Joy L. Dorn  
Lewiston MN  
Special Education Emphasis



George D. Kellermann  
Midland MI  
Instruction Emphasis

### **Current service:**

*Community Christian School*  
Baraboo WI  
Teacher  
2019-

### **Previous service:**

*St. John Lutheran School*  
Baraboo WI  
Director/Teacher  
2015-2019

*Christ Lutheran School*  
West Bloomfield WI  
Teacher  
1990-1994

### **Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Dr. Martin Luther College  
1985

### **Current service:**

*Sheridan Junior High School*  
Sheridan WY  
Teacher  
2008-

### **Previous Service:**

*Ellison High School*  
Killeen TX  
Teacher  
2006-2008

### **Other degrees:**

BA  
University of Montana  
2006

### **Current service:**

*St. John Lutheran School*  
Lewiston MN  
Teacher  
2015-

### **Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2015

### **Current service:**

*Good Shepherd Lutheran School*  
Midland MI  
Principal/Teacher  
2018-

### **Previous Service:**

*Grace Lutheran Academy*  
Lowell AR  
Principal/Teacher  
2013-2018

*Trinity Lutheran School*  
West Bend WI  
Teacher/Athletic Director  
2006-2013

*Trinity Lutheran School*  
Aberdeen SD  
Principal/Teacher  
1999-2006

*Shepherd of the Mountains  
Lutheran School*  
Reno NV  
Teacher  
1997-1998

### **Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
1999



ChiSeon Kim  
Morton Grove IL  
Leadership Emphasis



Nicole M. Lehman  
Courtland MN  
Special Education Emphasis



Meredith L. Moeller  
Janesville WI  
Instruction Emphasis



Andrew C. Olson  
Phoenix AZ  
Instruction Emphasis  
*in absentia*

**Current service:**

*Jerusalem Lutheran School*  
Morton Grove IL  
Principal  
2016-

**Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2016

**Current service:**

*Minnesota Valley Lutheran  
High School*  
New Ulm MN  
Teacher  
2013-

**Previous Service:**

*Wuhan University-WTO*  
Wuhan, Hubei, China  
Teacher  
2011-2013

*Wuchang Experimental  
Primary School*  
Wuhan, Hubei, China  
Teacher  
2010-2011

**Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2010

**Current service:**

*St. Matthew Lutheran School*  
Janesville WI  
Teacher  
2008-

**Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2008

**Current service:**

*Emmanuel Lutheran School*  
Tempe AZ  
Teacher  
2020-

**Previous Service:**

*St. Philip Lutheran School*  
Milwaukee WI  
Teacher  
2011-2020

*Garden Homes Lutheran School*  
Milwaukee WI  
Lay Worker  
2010-2011

*St. Philip Lutheran School*  
Milwaukee WI  
Teacher  
2009-2010

*Peridot-Our Savior Lutheran School*  
Peridot AZ  
Teacher  
2008-2009

**Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2008



Elizabeth M. Poncelet  
Hastings MN  
Instruction Emphasis

**Current service:**

*Pinecrest Elementary School*  
Hastings MN  
Teacher  
2008-

**Previous Service:**

*Kennedy Elementary*  
Hastings MN  
Teacher  
2004-2008

*Richfield Intermediate School*  
Richfield MN  
Teacher  
1991-2004

*Chandler-Lake Wilson School*  
Chandler MN  
Teacher  
1989-1991

**Other degrees:**

BS Teaching  
Mankato State University  
1989



Matthew R. Redfield  
Watertown WI  
Instruction Emphasis

**Current service:**

*Grace Christian Academy*  
Falls Church VA  
Teacher  
2006-

**Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2006



Zachary P. Seeger  
Simpsonville SC  
Leadership Emphasis  
*in absentia*

**Current service:**

*Abiding Peace Academy*  
Simpsonville SC  
Principal/Teacher  
2014-

**Previous Service:**

*St. John Lutheran School*  
Hemlock MI  
Principal/Teacher  
2009-2014

*Wuhan Foreign Language School*  
Wuhan, Hubei, China  
Teacher  
2006-2009

*St. Marcus Lutheran School*  
Milwaukee WI  
Teacher  
2006-2006

**Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2005

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## Master of Science in Educational Administration

The Master of Science in Educational Administration program provides a thorough background in school leadership and administration with a special focus on the spiritual and academic leadership needed to lead Christian schools.

The Master of Science in Educational Administration degree from Martin Luther College is designed for current or prospective school leaders with an undergraduate degree in education from an accredited college or university. Graduate students in this program follow either a principal, early childhood director, or technology director emphasis.



Andrea L. Baird  
South Milwaukee WI  
Principal Emphasis



Daniel A. Busch  
Rapid City SD  
Principal Emphasis



Seth J. Fitzsimmons  
Muskego WI  
Principal Emphasis  
*in absentia*



Bradley P. Gurgel  
Saint Peter MN  
Principal Emphasis

### Current service:

*Christ-St. Peter Lutheran School*  
South Milwaukee WI  
Teacher  
2019-

### Previous Service:

*Divine Peace Lutheran School*  
Largo MD  
Teacher  
2015-2019

### Other degrees:

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2011

### Current service:

*Good Shepherd Lutheran School*  
Burton MI  
Principal/Teacher  
2015-

### Other degrees:

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2015

### Current service:

*St. Paul Lutheran School*  
Muskego WI  
Principal  
2015-

### Previous Service:

*St. Paul Lutheran School*  
Norfolk NE  
Principal/Teacher  
2006-2015

*Hope Christian School-Prima*  
Milwaukee WI  
Teacher  
2005-2006

### Other degrees:

WELS Teaching Ministry  
Certification  
Martin Luther College  
2009

BA  
Wisconsin Lutheran College  
2005

### Current service:

*St. Peter Lutheran School*  
Saint Peter MN  
Principal/Teacher  
2017-

### Previous Service:

*King of Kings Lutheran School*  
Maitland FL  
Teacher/Athletic Director  
2014-2017

*St. Paul Lutheran School*  
Bloomer WI  
Principal/Teacher  
2011-2014

*Living Word Christian Academy*  
Mission Viejo CA  
Principal/Teacher  
2008-2011

### Other degrees:

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2008



Adam T. Igl  
West Bend WI  
Principal Emphasis  
*in absentia*

**Current service:**

*St. John's Lutheran School*  
Newburg WI  
Teacher  
2015-

**Previous Service:**

*St. Mark's Lutheran School*  
Watertown WI  
Teacher  
2009-2015

**Other degrees:**

MS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2018

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2009



Justin W. Krause  
Watertown WI  
Principal Emphasis

**Current service:**

*St. Paul Lutheran School*  
Mount Calvary WI  
Principal/Teacher  
2020-

**Previous Service:**

*Christ the King Academy*  
Palm Coast FL  
Teacher  
2015-2020

*Salem Lutheran School*  
Stillwater MN  
Teacher/Athletic Director  
2010-2015

**Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2009



Adam D. Pavelchik  
Milwaukee WI  
Principal Emphasis

**Current service:**

*Mt. Olive Lutheran School*  
Mankato MN  
Principal/Teacher/Technology Director  
2019-

**Previous Service:**

*Peace Lutheran School*  
Kissimmee FL  
Principal/Teacher  
2015-2019

*Frank Elementary School*  
Kenosha WI  
Teacher  
2012-2015

*Wilson Elementary School*  
Kenosha WI  
Teacher  
2008-2012

*Wisconsin Lutheran School—  
Early Childhood Campus*  
Racine WI  
Vice Principal/Teacher  
2003-2008

**Other degrees:**

BS Education  
Martin Luther College  
2003

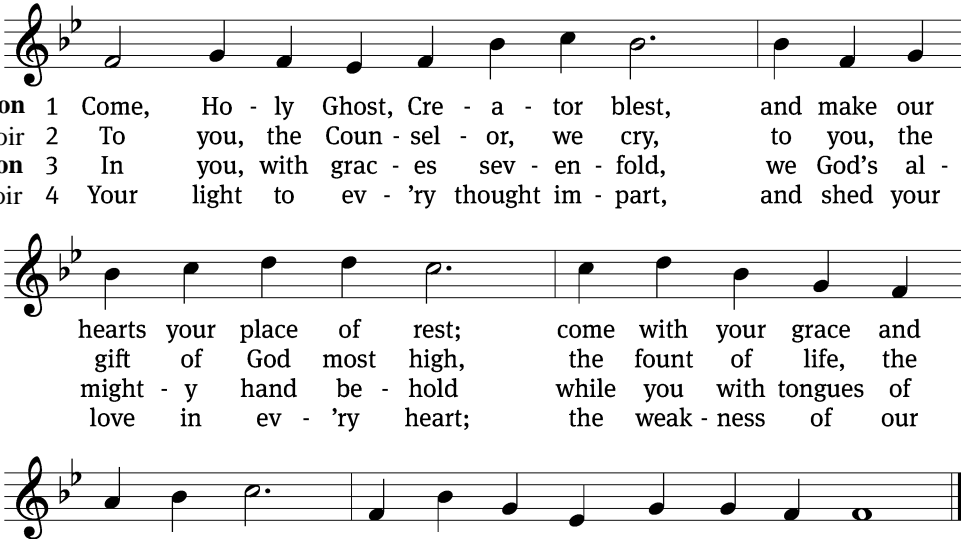
## Call Service

### Hymn—Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

CW586

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78

Tune: *Geistliche lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533, ed. Joseph Klug



The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line corresponds to the first four lines of the hymn text. The second line corresponds to the next four lines. The third line corresponds to the final four lines. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence at the end of the third line.

**Congregation** 1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and make our  
Choir 2 To you, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, to you, the  
**Congregation** 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's al -  
Choir 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, and shed your  
hearts your place of rest; come with your grace and  
gift of God most high, the fount of life, the  
might - y hand be - hold while you with tongues of  
love in ev - 'ry heart; the weak - ness of our  
heav'n - ly aid, and fill the hearts which you have made.  
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.  
mor - tal state with death-less might in - vig - o - rate.

**Congregation:** 5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
and your abiding peace bestow;  
with you as our protecting guide,  
no evil can with us abide.

Choir: 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and you, from both, as Three in One  
that we your name may ever bless  
and in our lives the truth confess.

*Stand to sing the final stanza of the hymn*

**Congregation:** 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
and Holy Spirit, with them One,  
and may the Son on us bestow  
the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

M: Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord.

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.  
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

C: Sing to him, sing praise to him, tell of all his wonderful acts.

M: I will sing of the love of the Lord forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

C: I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

M: May the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, bless us.

C: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

### Lesson—Luke 24:44-49

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

*Be seated*

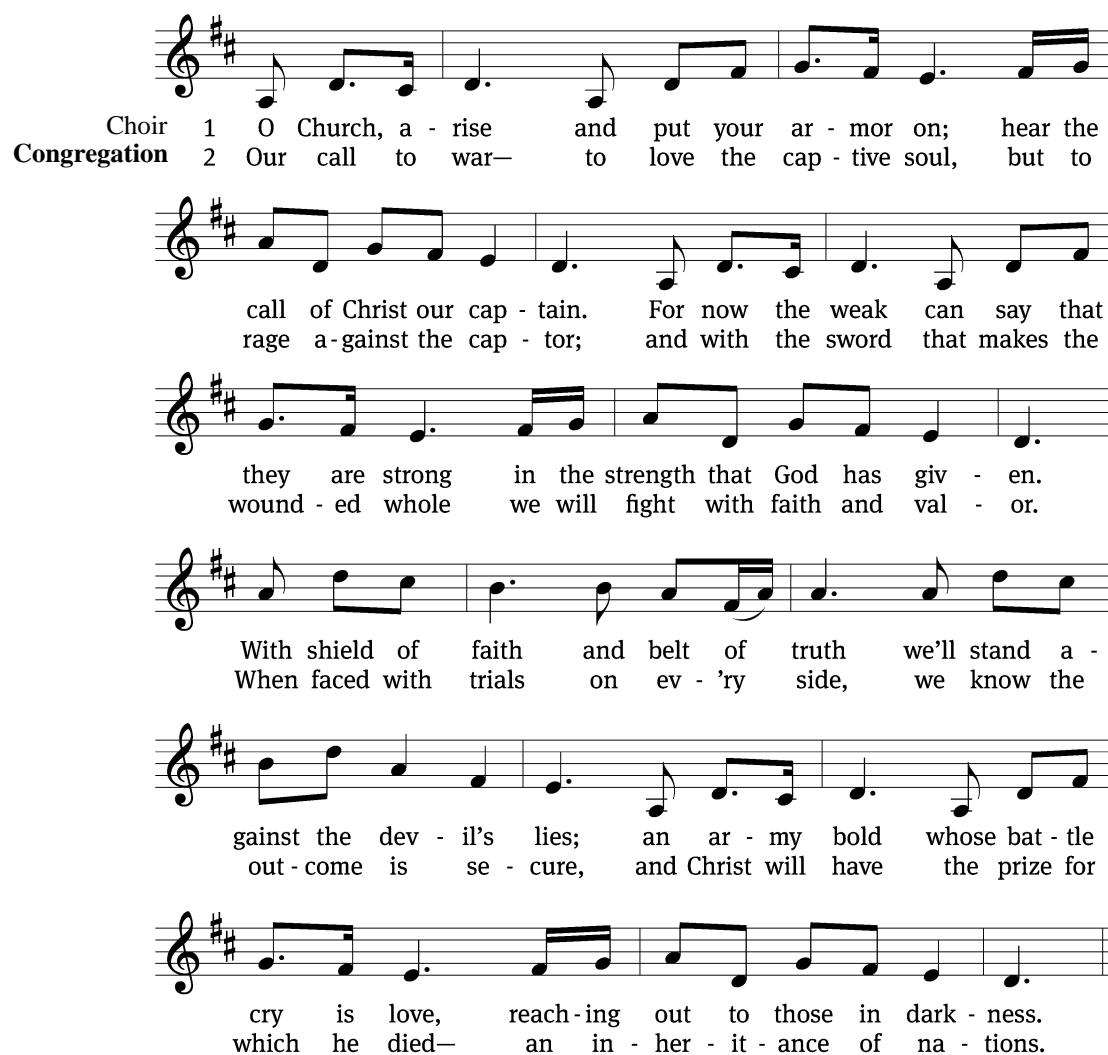
### Hymn—O Church, Arise

CW870

Text & Tune: Stuart Townend, b. 1963; Keith Getty, b. 1974

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Choir 1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
Congregation 2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to

call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the

they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.  
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.

With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -  
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the

gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.

Choir	3	Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; then see his foes lie crushed beneath his feet, for the Conqueror has risen!
Congregation		<b>And as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges from the grave, this vict'ry march continues till the day ev'ry eye and heart shall see him.</b>
Congregation	4	<b>So Spirit come, put strength in ev'ry stride, give grace for ev'ry hurdle, that we may run with faith to win the prize of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, retelling triumphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hunger for the day when with Christ we stand in glory.</b>

### Sermon—Spread the Aroma of Victory

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life. And who is equal to such a task?

### Choir—Lord God, You Have Called Your Servants

Text: Closing Prayer from the Vespers Service  
Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978  
Music: J. Aaron McDermid

Lord God, you have called your servants  
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending;  
by paths as yet untrod, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Reading of Assignments

*Stand*



## Hymn—Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW953  
*Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774  
tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.

Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim you,  
Then, adoring, bend the knee  
And confess the mystery.

## Blessing

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.** (*spoken*)

## Hymn—God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

CW640  
Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872  
tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925  
Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations. Amen.

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Presiding Minister

Rev. Dr. Rich Gurgel  
*MLC President*

Preacher

Rev. Dr. John Boeder  
*MLC Campus Pastor*

Reading of Assignments

Rev. Mark Schroeder  
*WELS President*

Organist

Kathryn Carlovsky  
*MLC Music Division*

Martin Luther College Choir Conductor

Prof. Adrian Smith  
*MLC Music Division*

Instrumentalists

Sam Eickhoff, Josiah Winkel  
*Trumpet*

Carl Boeder, Bethany Valleau  
*Trombone*

Jacob Schwark  
*Timpani*

Leah Kuchenbecker  
*Piano*

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Almighty God, who by your Son Jesus Christ gave command to the apostles that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature: grant to us whom you have called into your church a ready will to obey your Word. Fill us with a hearty desire to make your way known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. Look with compassion upon the multitudes that are scattered as sheep having no shepherd. Oh heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, have respect, we beseech you, to our prayers, and send forth laborers into your harvest. Fit and prepare them by your grace for the work of the ministry: give them the Spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind, and strengthen them to endure hardness. Grant that your Holy Spirit may prosper their work, that they by their life and doctrine may show forth your glory and set forward the salvation of all people; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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